

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ROBERT BIELBY,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICRON TECHNOLOGY INC., et al.,

Defendants.

No. 2:23-cv-02356-DC-CKD

ORDER DENYING WITHOUT PREJUDICE  
PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST TO FILE  
DOCUMENTS UNDER SEAL

(Doc. No. 30)

On February 5, 2025, Plaintiff filed a notice of request to file under seal unredacted versions of Plaintiff's opposition to Defendant's motion for summary judgment, Plaintiff's separate statement of material facts filed in support of Plaintiff's opposition to Defendant's motion for summary judgment, and numerous documents attached as exhibits to the declaration of Robert King filed in support of Plaintiff's opposition to Defendant's motion for summary judgment. (Doc. No. 30.) Contrary to Local Rule 140(b), Plaintiff also concurrently filed redacted versions of those documents. (Doc. No. 31.) Also on February 5, 2025, Plaintiff provided the court with a copy of his notice of request to seal and the same redacted versions of the documents that he already filed—he did not provide an unredacted version of those documents nor a request to seal explaining his reasons for why those documents should be filed under seal.

Local Rule 140(d) requires that a party seeking to file redacted documents on the public

1 record submit unredacted versions of the subject documents with the court and file a request to  
2 file the unredacted document under seal pursuant to Local Rule 141. In turn, Local Rule 141  
3 requires that the requesting party email to the court a request to seal setting forth the statutory or  
4 other authority for filing under seal, the requested duration, the identity of persons to be permitted  
5 access to the documents and all other relevant information. L.R. 141(b). This court's Standing  
6 Order in Civil Cases reiterates that all requests to file under seal must comply with Local Rules  
7 140 and 141. (Doc. No. 27-1 at 4.)

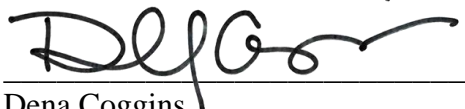
8 Here, Plaintiff emailed to the court (1) the same notice of his request to file under seal that  
9 he filed on the public docket, which provides no basis for the request; and (2) the same redacted  
10 versions of the subject documents that he filed on the public docket. Thus, Plaintiff's request to  
11 file under seal does not comply with the Local Rules and this court's Civil Standing Order, and  
12 these deficiencies render the court unable to determine whether there is any basis for redaction  
13 and/or filing the requested documents under seal.

14 Accordingly,

- 15 1. Plaintiff's request to file documents under seal (Doc. No. 30) is DENIED without  
16 prejudice;
- 17 2. Within fourteen (14) days from the date of entry of this order, Plaintiff may file a  
18 renewed request to seal or redact pursuant to Local Rules 140 and 141; and
- 19 3. If Plaintiff does not timely file a renewed request to seal, Plaintiff shall file  
20 unredacted versions of the referenced documents on the public docket by no later  
21 than fourteen (14) days from the date of entry of this order.

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23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

24 Dated: **November 6, 2025**

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26 Dena Coggins  
27 United States District Judge  
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